

**Listing of claims:**

1. (Currently amended)      A computer-readable storage medium having computer-executable components, comprising:

a first component that is arranged to read a word-processor document stored as an XML file;

a second component that is arranged to use an XSD for interpreting the word-processor document,~~and;~~ and

a third component that is arranged to validate the word-processor document, wherein the validation identifies tagged XML content and untagged non-XML mixed content that is not semantically included within an XML element, and wherein the validation selectively ignores untagged non-XML mixed content within the word-processor document.

2. (Currently amended)      The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 1, wherein the word-processor document is a template file.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended)      The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 1, wherein the mixed content comprises an image that is not semantically included within an element.

5. (Currently amended)      The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 1, further comprising a formatting component that is arranged to store the word-processor document as an XML file.

6. (Currently amended)      The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 5, wherein the formatting component is further arranged to selectively suppress mixed content within the word-processor document.

7. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 1, wherein the third component is further arranged to display errors encountered in validation.

8. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 1, further comprising an editing component that is arranged to received user commands for changing the word-processing document.

9. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 1, wherein the mixed content is selectively ignored in response to a user input.

10. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 1, wherein the mixed content is selectively ignored in response to environmental variables.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) A method for handling a word-processing document, comprising:

determining whether untagged non-XML mixed content within the word-processing document is to be ignored;

identifying tagged XML content;

identifying untagged non-XML mixed content that is not semantically included within an XML element; and

parsing and validating the word-processing document such that untagged non-XML mixed content does not cause validation errors when the determination has been made that untagged non-XML mixed content within the word-processing document is to be ignored.

13. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein the validating is performed in accordance with an XSD file.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 12, further comprising displaying the document according to the instructions contained within the XML file.

15. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 12, further comprising storing the document as an XML file.

16. (Original) The method of Claim 15, wherein the storing the document further comprises suppressing mixed content when the determination has been made that mixed content within the word-processing document is to be ignored.

17. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein the determination is made in response to a user command received in a dialog menu.

18. (Original) The method of Claim 12, further comprising displaying errors due to encounter mixed content within the word-processing document when the determination has not been made that mixed content within the word-processing document is to be ignored.

19. (Currently amended) A system for creating, interpreting, and modifying a word-processor document stored as a markup language "ML" file, comprising:

a ML file;

a validation engine configured to validate the ML file, wherein the validation engine identifies tagged ML content and untagged non-ML mixed content that is not semantically included within an ML element and selectively validates ignores untagged non-ML mixed content that is not semantically included within an ML element within the word-processor document; and

a word processor configured to read the ML file created in accordance with an associated schema.

20. (Original) The system of Claim 19, wherein the validation engine selectively validates mixed content in response to user commands received through a system interface.

21. (Original) The system of Claim 19, wherein the word processor is further configured to output the document to a display.

22. (Original) The system of Claim 19, wherein mixed content within the document is selectively output to the display.

23. (Original) The system of Claim 21, wherein the word processor is further configured to save the validated ML file in a long term memory of the system.

24. (Original) The system of Claim 21, wherein the validation engine is further configured to output validation errors to the display.